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## **Advisory Announcement**

*For Immediate Release:*

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### **Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Guideline Harvest Level Allocation Rollover #1**

#### **Emergency Order 4-GF-12-22**

In January 2020, the Alaska Board of Fisheries modified the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan to allow 50% of the unharvested Pacific cod jig gear guideline harvest level (GHL) allocation to be taken with pot or jig gear on or after April 1. Through March 25, 2022, approximately 2.6 million pounds of state-waters Pacific cod jig gear GHL allocation remains unharvested.

The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season will reopen to vessels using pot gear at 12:00 noon April 1, 2022; approximately 1.3 million pounds of Pacific cod will be available for harvest. The harvest cap for pot gear vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length will not be in effect, however gear limits will be in effect.

Vessel operators are reminded that:

- Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for the appropriate gear type from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, buoy tags, and an exclusive area state-waters vessel registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the state-waters season;
- Vessels participating in the state-waters season may only operate gear inside state waters (0–3 nmi); and
- Vessels may be registered for both pot and jig gear simultaneously, however vessels may not use both gear types during the same trip.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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